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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

English abstracts have been provided for Japanese Publication No. 2000-067433, 5-081671, 10-269566 and 11-175973. Also US Patent No. 6,347,016 is an English equivalent to Japanese Publication No. 10-269566. The above-mentioned references correspond to the Japanese Office Action enclosed.

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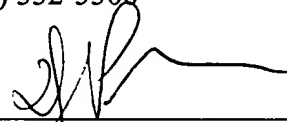
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